REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request examination in view of the instant response. Claims 21-34 remain pending in the case. Claims 1-20 are cancelled herein without prejudice. Claims 21 and 23 are amended herein. New Claims 27-34 have been added herein. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Based on the amendments presented above, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 21-34 are allowable and, therefore, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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